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### Cotton Committeemen Will Be Feted Feb. 13

Invitations are being mailed out today to the 66 community committeemen of the cotton acreage reduction program to attend a supper given in their honor by the business men of Lexington that will be held at the Educational building Tuesday night, February 13. This occasion is in honor of the fine and splendid work rendered by these men. The supper will be served by the ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society. The members of the office force composed of nine members will also be included in the invitation.

Wednesday morning County Agent Williams had a meeting of all county committeemen to check all contracts for duplications, minor errors and other details. According to tabulation made Wednesday afternoon, a total of 1561 contracts renting a total of 34,758 acres on a base acreage of 88,861 acres with an average yield of 194 pounds per acre. The above figures indicate that the total acreage is nearing its final goal on a basis of 90,000 acres of cotton lands.

The past week 387 more option checks were received aggregating around \$36,000. According to the records only 38 checks of the total to be sent Holmes county, out of its 1025, are yet to be received.

### Supervisors Adjourn Until Friday Morning

The Board of Supervisors met Monday for a regular February meeting, transacting routine matters, hearing reports and allowing accounts. They adjourned Tuesday at noon to resume again Friday morning. Monday the board awarded the depository accounts to the following banks: Bank of West, 5 per cent of county funds; Merchants and Farmers Bank and Peoples Bank, Durant, 5 per cent; Merchants and Planters Bank, Tchula, 10 per cent; First National Bank and Holmes County Bank and Trust Company, Lexington, 37½ per cent each.

### Roy Lyon Buys Jones Property In West End

Roy Lyon has purchased the Jones property in West End from the First National Bank of this city and is having same repaired and overhauled, work being started this week. As soon as the house is completed Mr. Lyon expects to move his family to Lexington and make their future home here. Lexington extends them a royal welcome.

### County Field Day Planned March 30th

At a meeting of the Holmes County Teachers Association held in Lexington, a motion was adopted to hold a field meet for the grammar schools of Holmes county. President J. T. Garland was instructed to name a committee to confer with Superintendent of Education P. H. Williams relative to a date and program. The committee composed of Mrs. R. W. Gullledge, Miss Geneva Herring and L. R. Thompson was named, and a field meet is planned Friday, March 30 at Lexington. A detailed program will be worked out later that will embrace platform and athletic events.

### Miss Rainwater Wins All Pleasure Tour

Miss Edith Lynn Rainwater was the winner of a free trip sponsored by the All Pleasure Tours, Memphis, obtaining the largest number of tickets given by the following local firms: James H. Moore & Co., O. L. Ellison, Beall's Drug Store, Carter Chevrolet Co., Hooke & Perry Lumber Co., Star Theatre, Taylor's Barber Shop, Fritz Beauty Shop, The Lexington Advertiser.

The trip will include a seven day tour embracing a visit to Mardi Gras at New Orleans and on the Gulf Coast. She will leave today, joining a party aboard a specially chartered Greyhound bus on Highway 51 at Durant. Miss Rainwater has been the recipient of many congratulations following her success as winner. The contest closed Monday afternoon and Sessions Povall of The Lexington Advertiser was tabulator of the official count of tickets turned in by the contestants.

### Crop Production Bill Has Passed In Senate

The Advertiser is in receipt of a telegram sent to Walter D. Turnbough, field inspector for Attala, Holmes and Carroll county, that will be of interest to planters and farmers of the county. The message was from Senator Pat Harrison and is as follows: "Senate has passed bill appropriating forty five million dollars for crop production loans. House yesterday passed bill appropriating thirty five million dollars. Bill now before Senate and if Senate concurs in House amendment bill will become law. If Senate does not concur bill will go to conference."

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### Deestrick Skule To Be Presented Tonight

The "Deestrick Skule," a most amusing amateur entertainment in three acts, giving the morning, recess and afternoon session of an old time school of fifty years ago, will be given at the school auditorium tonight under the auspices of the Methodist Missionary Society.

Miss Sallie C. Battaille, who owns her copyrighted arrangement of the "Deestrick Skule" is the director and "skule" teacher, Miss Edith Hayden will take the part of Mrs. Honeysuckle. The committeemen are Rev. J. E. Stephens, Mayor E. T. Neilson and Supt. W. B. Kenna. W. L. Jordan, G. H. McMorrough and W. R. Ellis are among the fun makers. They miss their lessons and get whippings and furnish a lot of fun for the audience. The "Deestrick Skule" is brimful of fun. In fact the play had to be stopped in Franklin, Ky. to keep a man from dying laughing. When he came to he said he thought he was over it and refused to leave the building. The doors tonight will open at 7 o'clock and the boys and girls start down the big road to school at 8 o'clock sharp.

The following write-up appearing in The Advertiser April 10, 1914 written by Margaret Dillingham talented and gifted penwoman, will be of much local interest when the "Deestrick Skule" was presented here nearly twenty years ago by Miss Battaille:

"This roving farce was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic audience. One hundred and fifty silver dollars rolled into the coffers of this delightful date. Miss Sallie Battaille, directress, gave the high satisfaction promised and predicted. Mrs. McMorrough as the visiting guest 'Mrs. Honeysuckle' was exceedingly quaint and clever. The dignified 'Committee' Gov. E. F. Noel, Hon. B. S. Beall and Hon. B. W. Lipse, and Superintendent of Education J. M. Kimbrough. Hon. H. H. Elmore made a 'spanking' good teacher of the old school. The pupils who were loudly encored, acquitted themselves most splendidly in the three 'R's'—reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, as well as in song and story and whose costumes were the hits of the evening that included Calla Wilburn, Lena Levy, Alice Baker, Minnie Diggs, Zuella Pickens, Cora Pease, Flora Herrman, Edna Wilburn, Lucy Crouch, Martha Wilburn, Hattie Hooker, Grace Ashley, Russell Henderson, Myrtis Morris and Alline Roby on the 'girls' side. Among the bad boys numbered Doc Rayner, Jeff Weeks, Paul Murphy, 'Buddy' Fuqua, Pascal Holcomb, Lon Jordan, Ike Pickens, Gabe McMorrough, Will Meek, Ben Hooker, Happy Johnson, Will Rodgers and Walter Rayner. For once 'School's out' was a most unwelcome announcement."

### More Food Received By Local Red Cross

Food supplies shipped to the Red Cross the past week included a nice supply of flour, butter and salt meat, same being stored in the rear of the Piggly Wiggly warehouse. In the list received was 37 case of butter totalling 1,910 lbs.; 220 sacks of flour and 3,360 lbs. of salt meat. The food will be issued to the needy through the local office of the FFR and orders presented at the warehouse are filled in this manner only.

### Three Fires Keep Fire Department Busy

A roof blaze at noon Wednesday threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ashley. The fire started from sparks from the kitchen flue. A small damage was done to the roof on the south side of the structure. Wednesday morning the fire department was also called on to extinguish a grass fire on the R. W. Gullledge property. Tuesday afternoon the department answered another grass fire call at the D. Flink property as the blaze had gotten beyond control where a garden was being cleaned up.

### Road Magnet Removes Metal From Highways

One of the smaller road magnets of the State Highway Department was in Lexington Monday afternoon in charge of J. H. Barton, Jackson. Mr. Barton had reached Lexington from Pickens, going from Durant that morning to Kosciusko and returning to Durant, going south to Pickens. He picked up 367 pounds of metal in the road while on the trip above. He stated that the larger machine on the main highways picks up more metal. He left here for Tchula, returning to Lexington and going out the Acona road before leaving for other duties on other highways north of Durant.

W. C. Moss, of Emory, was noted among those here Monday looking after business matters.

### County Committee Approves Road Project

The Holmes County CWA Committee held a meeting Monday afternoon in the office of P. H. Williams, county superintendent, when a project of grading and graveling 8 miles of road between Acona and Emory was submitted at a cost of \$9,000. The project was approved and same will be sent to state headquarters for final action. The committee members present were: V. Reinhard, Tchula; D. J. Crawford, Durant; D. T. Ruff, Rev. J. E. Stephens, and P. H. Williams, Lexington.

Projects that have been approved by the state office and work to start this week in Holmes county are announced by J. R. Lipse, county administrator, as follows:

Tchula street project at a cost of \$1,052.40 giving employment to 32 men. Westfield-Gwin road project at a cost of \$1,854.00 giving employment to 138 men.

National Guard Armory, Lexington, labor costs of \$3,257.60 with employment of 30 men.

### Big Black Drainage Meet At Jackson 12th

An enthusiastic meeting of representatives from most of the counties interested in the Big Black River Drainage gathered in Durant at the Dixie Theatre last Monday afternoon to discuss the project. It was decided to call a mass meeting at the court house in Jackson next Monday, February 12, at 11 o'clock. It is urged that every county interested in the draining and straightening of the Big Black be represented by a delegation of supporters of the project. Many representatives present Monday spoke and gave views of their community relative to the project. The success of the project nears as the concerted action gains favor and if the drainage of this river is accomplished its benefits will be one of the best projects undertaken in this area of the state. Walter Odum, Sr., of Durant, has been one of the most enthusiastic supporters and has contributed greatly towards the perfection of plans to date.

### Tchula Grocery Co. Features Fine Flour

The Tchula Grocery Company has a message to housewives and consumers of flour this week that will be of interest to users in Lukens Rose or Old Rose flour that has a real value to those who appreciate fine baking results. In some instances in recent years, states the firm, many have through the guise of economy, let price control purchases, but this is history as the fact is evidenced by recent results that the housewives are coming back to quality flour and demanding Lukens Rose and Old Rose flour. The cost over other grades is so little in comparison to others that the results received in baking more than offsets the substitutes and demand for these two high-grade flours is self-evident through an increase in demand at the retail stores. We call attention to their advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

### Groundhog Routs Early Spring Hopes

What hopes we might have had for an early spring went off the standard or other signs of the groundhog Friday February 2, when the renowned old annual forecaster saw his shadow. This is a sure indication that we will have six weeks more of winter, however whether the old belief holds good or not, the weather was ideal on the day of his visit and for several days following. Some reported that soon after sunup the clouds gathered for awhile and the groundhog was unable to make any shadow, however, regardless of whatever happened none will hurry to take down their stoves or cast aside winter clothes for several weeks yet.

### Deacons Ordained At Antioch Church

Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, of Clinton, pastor of the Antioch Baptist church, Brozville, held services Sunday, both morning and evening. At the evening's service, the two new deacons of the church, T. A. Barrentine and Forester Moore were ordained by the pastor who was assisted in the service by Rev. J. H. Kyzar, of Lexington. While filling his regular preaching engagement at Brozville, Rev. Ratcliff was guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Barrentine.

J. T. Parkinson and J. T. Parkinson, Jr., of Camp 4, Parchman, were among visitors to friends here and at Coxburg this week. Judge C. K. Reid was listed among the sick this week but is much better this week friends are glad to hear.

### Pepper Named Pres. Lex. Country Club

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lexington Country Club was held at the city office Friday night. The board of directors was named as follows: W. O. Barrett, H. L. Nichols, H. P. Watson, A. M. Pepper, P. P. Lindholm, O. D. Hooker, W. R. Ellis. The board of directors named the following officers for 1934:

A. M. Pepper, president; W. R. Ellis, vice-president; O. D. Hooker, secretary and treasurer; John F. Pickens, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Dues for 1934 were set at \$25 for heads of families; \$12.50 payable now and \$12.50 payable June 1. The dues for individuals were placed at \$15.00 fith \$7.50 payable now and \$7.50 payable June 1. For individuals under 16 years of age, dues were \$12.50 with \$6.25 payable now and \$6.25 payable June 1. The Club adopted a rule that no one will be eligible to membership until all past dues have been paid.

A. M. Pepper, president of the Lexington Country Club stated that the organization is in fine financial condition and the coming year expects to have at least 100 associate members in addition to the 28 stockholders. The dues of the local Club are the lowest in the state and a fine year is ahead.

President A. M. Pepper of the Lexington Country Club has appointed the following committees for 1934, and will have charge of the activities of the Club:

House and Grounds—W. O. Barrett, chairman; H. L. Nichols, Dr. R. M. Stephenson.

Golf—P. P. Lindholm, chairman; Eugene Herrman, W. B. Barrett.

Membership—N. B. Hooker, chairman; Morris Lewis, Jr., Dr. R. C. Elmore.

Games and Sports—H. P. Watson, chairman; John Kier, D. W. Townsend.

Rules and Regulations—H. H. Johnson, chairman; Dr. V. L. Richards, W. B. Kenna.

Finance—Morris Lewis, Sr., chairman; D. T. Ruff, M. A. Scobey.

Auditing—D. C. Lundy, chairman; L. E. Barr, E. W. Rainwater.

Inter-Club Committee—J. W. Latham, chairman, Sessions Povall, J. R. Williams.

Entertainment—H. L. Nichols, chairman; Norman Weathersby, Edwin White.

Purchasing—O. D. Hooker, chairman; P. P. Lindholm, B. S. Beall, Jr.

All committees are requested to begin at once the performance of their duties, stated the president, in order that full facilities of the Lexington Country Club be in proper and acceptable order as early as practicable.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Williams and little son, Roy, of Durant, were among visitors in our city Tuesday afternoon.

### Basketball Tournament Dates Are Announced

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Big Black Region held at Durant Thursday afternoon, the dates of the basketball preliminaries were set February 23 to be held at Winona, Sallis, Walnut Grove and Lexington, according to W. B. Kenna of this city, president of the organization.

The finals of the basketball tournament in the region will be held March 2, the place to be selected later. The regular track meet will be held April 7 with the place to be selected later. The written examinations will be held at Kosciusko, March 24.

The committee will meet in Durant February 12 to select the remaining places of the unfilled schedule, also to pair the teams of the 30 schools of the Big Black Region. The schools are as follows:

Durant, Cruger, Walnut Grove, Tchula, Kilmichael, Eupora, Winona, Kosciusko, Edinburg, Chester, Singleton, McAdams, Pickens, Barnes, Coxburg, Ackerman, French Camp, Sallis, Zama, Carthage, Bethesda, Weir, Ringold, Centerville, West, Good Hope, Ethel and Lexington.

### Leonard Resigns As Local Band Director

Resignation of J. G. Leonard as instructor and director of the Lexington Boys Band was made Monday following his connection with the local organization since its beginning several years ago. The reason was given on account of the small number of pupils that did not justify continuance of his weekly trips to Lexington from a financial standpoint. Many friends of Mr. Leonard regret his resignation and appreciate the fine work he has accomplished during his connection with the band. It is planned to carry on the work of the band and arrangements will be made to this effect, it is stated, further announcements to be made later.

### Farmer's Truck Kills One of His Own Mules

Monday morning a gravel truck owned by J. D. Parrish of Acona, and driven by Flake Compton, ran into a team of mules owned by Mr. Parrish and driven by one of his negro tenants. A mule was killed and the wagon completely demolished from the crash. The accident happened near Acona. The Wagon also contained three or four negroes but all miraculously escaped injury of any nature, altho the negro driver was thrown under the truck.

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